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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON 26 APR 73. REPEATED TO YOU

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SUBJECT: MR 2 DAILY SIT REP, APRIL 26

1. SUMMARY: MILITARY ACTION AGAIN LIGHT, WITH CONTINUING CONCENTRATION IN PHU CU PASS AREA OF BINH DINH. PRG REPORTEDLY TO RELEASE 317 CIVILIAN DETAINEES IN MR 2 APRIL 27-28.

2. SECURITY SITUATION: ENEMY ACTION REMAINED GENERALLY LIGHT, WITH EIGHT INCIDENTS REPORTED ON APRIL 25. TWO OF THESE WERE GROUND ATTACKS THAT WERE MORE COSTLY TO ENEMY THAN TO RVNAF. FIRST
WAS MORNING ATTACK ON REGULAR AND RECON COMPANIES OF ARVN 42 ND REGT NEAR PHU CU PASS IN BINH DINH. ARVN SUFFERED TWO KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED BUT IN RESPONSE REPORTED KILLING 14 ENEMY AND CAPTURING ONE MACHINE GUN, ONE B-40, AND FIVE B-40 ROUNDS. OTHER
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GROUND ATTACK OCCURRED IN KONTUM ON A COMPANY OF THE 28 0 TH RF BATTALION STATIONED APPROX 10 KMS DUE EAST OF KONTUM CITY. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES, WHEREAS RF KILLED TWO ENEMY, CAPTURED ONE AK-47, AND LATER FOUND TWO MACHINE GUNS, THREE MINES AND EIGHT B-40 ROUNDS.

3. OTHER SIX INCIDENTS CONSISTED OF TWO LIGHT ABF' S ON ARVN POSITIONS IN CHU CU PASS AREA, THREE MININGS (TWO IN PHU YEN, ONE IN HOAI NHON DISTRICT, BINH DINH), AND SMALL- ARMS HARASSMENT OF RF COMPANY IN BINH THUAN. AGGREGATE CASUALTIES THESE SIX INCIDENTS WERE FIVE FRIENDLY WIA.

4. RF COMPANY AND RAILROAD SECURITY UNIT ON PATROL IN CENTRAL BINH THUAN DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED A COMPLEX OF 17 TUNNELS AND CONFISCATED A SMALL QUANTITY OF RICE.

5. PHU YEN SECTOR THIS MORNING BRIEFED AN ADDITIONAL " ENEMY-INITIATED" INCIDENT NOT REPORTED IN NHA TRANG REGIONAL BRIEFING. ACCORDING TO SECTOR, VC UNIT ATTACKED
RCON ELEMENT OF 210 TH RF
BATTALION NEAR BAN THACH BRIDGE IN HIEU XUONG DISTRICT ON APRIL 25. TAKING NO CASUALTIES THEMSELVES, RF REPORTEDLY KILLED SEVEN VC AND CAPTURED THREE INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS. TUY HOA POLOFF BELIEVES THIS CONTACT WAS ACTUALLY A FRIENDLY AMBUSH RATHER THAN AN ENEMY ATTACK.

6. AMPLIFICATION ON APPREHENSION OFF BINH THUAN COAST APRIL 24 INDICATES THAT TWO RPT TWO SMALL CHINESE NATIONALIST RPT NATIONALIST FISHING VESSELS, EACH WITH TWO CREWMEN, WERE CAUGHT BY 28 TH COASTAL
GROUP, VNN, 65 KMS OFFSHORE AND BROUGHT INTO PHAN THIET. VESSELS ARE THE CHENG FU 11 AND CHENG FUSGQWM CREWMEN REPORTEDLY HAD NO DOCUMENTS. VESSELS WERE TURNED OVER TO NATIONAL FISHERIES SERVICE IN PHAN THIET, AND OTHER PROVINCE AUTHORITIES WERE NOT PROMPTLY INFORMED. (CONGEN COMMENT: WE SEE THIS AS YET ANOTHER CASE OF POOR
COORDINATION BETWEEN VNN AND GVN AUTHORITIES ASHORE AND OF INADEQUATE
REPORTING BY THE VIETNAMESE NAVY.

7. OFFICIAL REPORT FROM NINH THUAN PROVINCE AUTHORITIES TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DATED APRIL 24 INDICATES THAT FINAL CASUALTY COUNT IN EASTER SUNDAY EXPLOSION IN PHUOC THIEN HAMLET (LAST THREE SIT REPS) WASHEWP PERSONS KILLED AND 86 WOUNDED, ONE LESS FATALITY AND TWO FEWER WOUNDED THAN AT LAST REPORT. EXTENSIGH
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INVITIGATION AND INTERVIEWING OF SURVIVORS AND WITNESSES IS CONTINUING, APPARENTLY BOTH BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MR 2 HQ AND BY

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8. CIVILIAN DETAINEES: PLEIKU POLOFF HAS LEARNED FROM MR 2 HQ THAT 317 OF THE 637 CIVILIANS TO BE RELEASED BY PRG APRIL 27 AND/ OR 28 WILL BE HANDED OVER IN THIS MR. ALL ARE REPORTEDLY GVN OFFICIALS OR CADRE. LARGE MAJORITY (294) ARE TO BE

RELEASED AT UNSPECIFIED
POINT IN HOAI NHON DISTRICT, BINH DINH; NOT CLEAR WHETHER EXACT SITE WOULD BE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 10-11 PW EXCHANGE. EIGHT OTHERS ARE TO BE RELEASED AT A POINTUT KMS WEST OF KONTUM CITY, TEN IN PHANH HOA, AND FIVE IN PHU YEN (LOCATIONS NOT FURTHER SPECIFIED). ENGEL
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